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TOTAL CLAIMS	9-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
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3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.

4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 08/952,089, filed on November 10, 1997, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

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b. ☒ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 08/952,089, filed on November 10, 1997. Application No. 08/952,089 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP97/00748 filed on March 10, 1997 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.--

6. ☒ Enclosed is/are twenty-six (26) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

7. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 08/952,089 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd..
9. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). _____ filed in _____ on _____ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.
- 10b. ☒ Priority of International Appln. PCT/JP97/00748 filed on March 10, 1997 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Japanese Application No. 8-85801 and 8-208897 filed in Japan on March 13, 1996 and July 18, 1996, respectively under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. ☐ Address all future communications to:

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13. ☐ An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 08/952,089 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14. ☒ Also enclosed herewith is the following:
Copies of receipts for deposits of microorganisms.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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